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Students miss trays despite benefits

EMILY SCHMITT *STAFF WRITER*

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Last week, 1,876 Mensa-goers ate their food with out having a tray to carry it on. Trayless week was an attempt to reduce food waste as part of Earth Week. Food waste was reduced by 289 pounds—89 pounds of solids and 20 gallons of liquids on Tuesday alone. Wartburg is the first college in the Midwest to experiment with trayless dining.

The goal of going trayless was to make students aware of the amount of food they take. Trayless dining conserved food, water, soap and electricity.

Deanna Williams, Dining Services employee, said students have had various reactions. "I think it depends on the student. You know, a lot of them that are more conscious about 'be green' and that type of thing. I think they're more receptive to it than the ones that maybe don't care as much," she said.

Students saw advantages and disadvantages to trayless dining.

"I don't necessarily like it because I have to go back for things, but we are saving some food, which is good," Laura Bancourt said.

"I think it is a good experiment to see so that the students see how much food we are actually wasting. But I would like to go back to trays," she added.

"I think it's a really good idea, because obviously we're wasting a lot less food. And I think if it can become a reality for next year than why wouldn't we do it? It's a fantastic idea," Nicole Lequia said.

"It's really not that hard, and I know some people really don't like it. But it's kind of ridiculous. It's saving a lot of food, but it's also saving a ton of water," Megan Baker said.

"I think it's alright. I'm able to carry all my food on one plate and I eat it all. I don't waste as much food. Also, when you sit down with a big group of friends, you don't have to deal with the trays," Jack Stout said.

Megan Gronholm has been din-

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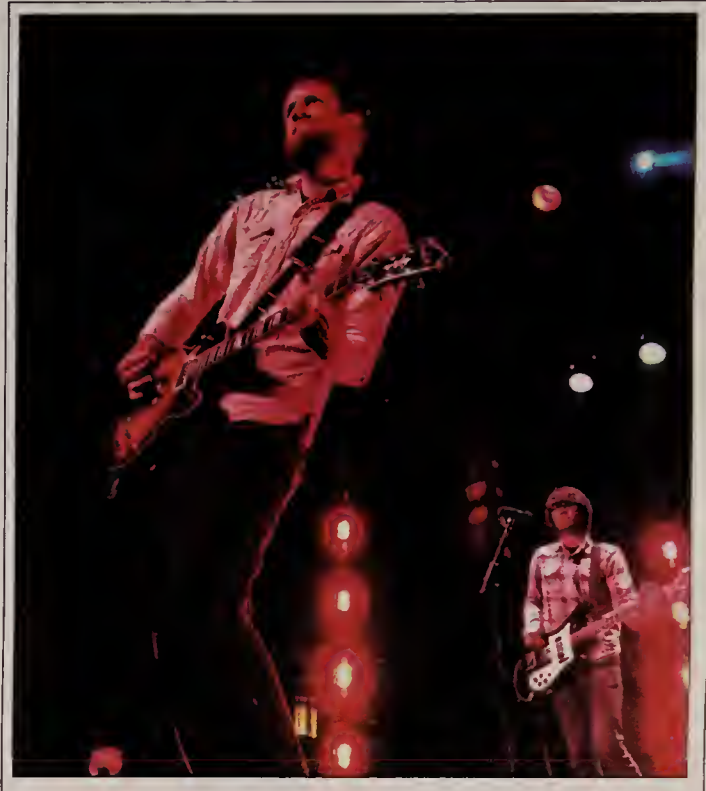

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Mae guitarist Zach Gehring plays to the crowd at last Monday's large event, sponsored by ETK.

Participants serve in diverse locations

JACKIE ALBRECHT *STAFF WRITER*

More than 50 students will embark on three service trips during tour week. Participants will work with various organizations including: the Lutheran Disaster Response, Habitat for Humanity and Christ's Body Ministries.

The service trips leave Wartburg either Friday, April 18 or Saturday, April 19 and return to campus Saturday, April 26. Destinations for the trips include New Orleans, Denver and Lakota Reservation.

The New Orleans trip, led by students Jessi Carver and Matt Wahl, will work with the Lutheran Disaster Response. According to the organization's mission statement, LDR strives "to demonstrate Christ's compassion for people by promoting hope, healing and wholeness for disaster survivors." Participants will work on different stages of home construction.

"We hope people will get a better understanding of service and how it fits into their lives," Carver said. "We also hope people leave with a better understanding of the situation in New Orleans and the rest of the Gulf Coast."

Although New Orleans trip participants will work with a different organization, Wartburg service trips have gone to New Orleans every winter break and tour week since Hurricane Katrina in August 2005.

A second service trip is aimed at first- and second-years wanting to not only complete service throughout tour week, but also experience Wartburg West in Denver. This service trip has 13 participants and is led by Alicia Brissette and Stephanie Meyer.

The Denver service group will work with many service organizations including: Metro CareRing, the largest food pantry in Denver; St. Francis Center, a daytime hospitality center for homeless people; Western Village, a transitional housing and empowerment program for single parents with children; and Christ's Body Ministries, another daytime hospitality program.

"I think we have some great opportunities to help out the homeless and poverty in the Denver area as well as see what great things Wartburg West can offer students," Brisette said.

"We will also be participating

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Laura Grevas/*TRUMPET*

Community members sang "We Will Overcome" as they marched in rememberance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination 40 years ago. Friday's program featured prayers, speeches and performances by Terence Swims and Cree Xiong.

Scholtz takes year-long position in capital city

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Professor of English Greg Scholtz is taking a one-year sabbatical to work in the national office of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) in Washington, D.C.

Scholtz's position, which starts in September, includes work as associate secretary and director of the academic freedom, tenure and governance department.

Greg Scholtz

"When this position became available, my volunteer experience became a job credential," Scholtz said. "Over the last 14 years I have been an extremely active member of the AAUP and have worked closely with national staff on a number of projects."

Scholtz published numerous papers on tenure and faculty governance, chaired many AAUP assemblies and is the webmaster of Wartburg's award-winning AAUP Web site.

Scholtz said he is a little apprehensive about his new job.

"The job seems a little daunting to me. And I will certainly miss my friends, my colleagues and my students."

Many students were saddened to find out Scholtz would be taking a year's leave from Wartburg.

"It will be hard to not see him on campus," Megan Christiansen, who will go on a May Term trip to England with Scholtz, said.

"He is incredibly involved with his students and readily available if a student needed to talk."

Many students reminisce about Scholtz's funny characteristics like drinking his Chai tea through a straw and walking around shoeless.

"Some of my friends collect pages of his funny quotes from class," Christiansen said.

Scholtz said he might continue the AAUP position once the year is up.

"This is my 19th year at Wartburg, and I've lived in Waverly longer than I have lived anywhere else. The roots have had time to go down deep, but there is a possibility, if I can come close to living up to the extremely high expectations that the AAUP seems to have of me, and if I find the work reasonably enjoyable," he said.

Christiansen said Scholtz will fit in with his new job.

"I think the position he is taking is very prestigious and an extremely honorable position and I know he will find fulfillment in his work, especially since he is very passionate man."

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Ellen Kurt/*TRUMPET*

Castle Singers director Jane Andrews leads rehearsal for the dessert concert.

Castle Singers to perform dessert concert before touring

ELLEN KURT *STAFF WRITER*

The Castle Singers are raising their voices to the theme of "God Bless the Child" as they prepare for upcoming performances.

A dessert concert featuring songs relating to this theme will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Student Center ballrooms.

Castle Singers' Director Jane Andrews said to prepare for this concert members of the group did something different than any other choir at Wartburg — they researched the songs.

"Before we perform the song, a student introduces it, telling what they have found out through their research. It makes for a more organic performance," Andrews said.

Part of the concert will include a Power -point presentation reviewing the activities Castle Singers participated in throughout the school year. The seniors will be honored as this is the last home concert for them.

Two members, Addy Wasson and Natalie Richardson will be featured as solo acts.

"This concert puts us in front of an audience, and gives us practice with the sound engineer," Andrews said.

It serves as a preparation for the Castle Singers' upcoming tour. Many of the sights on this tour are meaningful to Andrews.

"This tour is kind of like going home for me, because we will be singing in towns where I have taught and singing at my son's school where he is the orchestra director," she said.

Another stop on the tour has a special place in Andrews' heart: the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. Her father was a patient there, and she wants the choir to provide entertainment to families in the same situation she was.

They are also making stops at places requested by alumni, including The Jazz Restaurant and Lounge in Denver, Colo., one of the world's most famous jazz clubs.

Andrews said the Castle Singers will have a busy schedule.

"This is a young group —only five seniors — but they have done a wonderful job preparing. You're never quite sure what the choir is going to be like. You just have to work to get everyone on the same page," she said.

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Students await democratic nomination

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Wartburg students are waiting to see who the next democratic presidential candidate will be.

After four months of primaries and caucuses, only 142 delegates separate Senators Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton for the nomination.

Karla Tweeten said the decision is taking too long. She said because Obama and Clinton are both minorities, people might have a tough time deciding on who will be the better president.

"I think they're both really good candidates, and I guess I think McCain has good views, too. I'm not a Republican, though," Tweeten said.

However, Jeff Stein, assistant professor of communication arts and a political analyst, said it only seems the process for selecting a candidate is taking too long because people wanted a decision in February.

"Historically campaigns did not even start until the spring and then went through the summer and then led up to the convention," Stein said.

"This concept of a very early process that is over in the dead of winter with many months before the convention is a relatively new phenomenon," he said.

Other students like John Robbins, who follows the democratic debates, said the election process is not long at all.

"Unlike the past elections, this has been a more civil debate on both sides even though it does seem pretty bad," Robbins said. "I think it was much more personal with say Bush versus McCain in 2000."

Nine states are left to vote in the primaries that will decide on the nominee.

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Knights' sign-up disappoints students

84 spaces available; groups must be all seniors

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Housing sign-up for the 2008-09 academic year left some students upset because they could not live in Knights Village, which is reserved for fourth-year students.

JC Fuller was disappointed when he did not get in.

"The current system that Residence Life set up has a lot of flaws. Hard working students that have put in their three years and deserve a nice place to live during their fourth year don't get the opportunity to," Fuller said.

Knights Village accommodates only 84 students, making it difficult to get into.

"One group of women were on the verge of signing up for Knights Village, but ended up being bumped by a group of women who had a lower average lottery number," Peter J. Armstrong, director of residential life, said.

"No surprise, those women were very disappointed. I know not everyone who wanted to get into Knights Village got in, but my sense is that they understand the space limitations."

However, Fuller remains displeased with the system.

"It allows students involved in music to get the upper hand. They receive credits for their lessons, thus giving them the chance to get better lottery numbers than students not involved in music."

Students eligible to live in Knights Village must have an average lottery number of 999 or less. The entire group must consist of fourth-years.

"There was one group of students who tried to sign up with a student only scheduled to be a junior next year. That group had an average lottery number that was less than 999, but were not permitted to sign up until they could show that they had a group made up of seniors," Armstrong said.

Fourth-years who did not get into Knights Village still have lower lottery numbers, which should improve their chances of getting into other on-campus residence halls they view as desirable, Armstrong said.

"I was kind of disappointed about not getting into Knights Village because I've been looking forward to finally having a chance to live there," Josh Kuennen said.

Armstrong wants to remind students "no returning student is going to be left without a spot to live on campus. Unfortunately not every student is going to get their first choice of housing."

At the end of the room sign-up process, Residence Life will have a better idea of the number of students planning to live on-campus next year and will find places to accommodate everyone.

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Service Hunters seek more participants

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in some great urban culture events."

Students Hilary Wieck and Naiya Panchal are leading a third trip called Service Hunters. Similar to the well-known TV show Road Rules, participants don't know the location of their service trip. However, participants have been told their destination is an American Indian reservation. This is the second year for the Service Hunters trip.

About five people are taking part in this trip; however, service trip adviser Renee Sedlacek said they would like around 11 people.

Sedlacek thinks it would be very fun to do the Service Hunters trip.

"Students loved the Service Hunters trip last year," Sedlacek said.

"They thought it was awesome. They knew they were going to a ranch, so they thought they were going to Texas. But then they ended up in Colorado."

Although students pay $100 to go on a Tour Week service trip, a minimal amount of fundraising occurs for these trips.

"These trips usually come together at the last minute… So there isn't as much time to do things like fundraising. Most of the time spent together is used as get-to-know-each-other time," Sedlacek said.

Students interested in taking part in one of these trips should e-mail renee.sedlacek@wartburg.edu for more information.

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Local Briefs

UNI professor featured in KOL

Wartburg's Keep on Learning program is featuring Scott Cawelti, a professor of writing, film and literature at UNI. He will present "Four Nonfiction Films That Challenged Cherished Myths."

The class meets at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m every Thursday in the Heritage Room in the Student Center.

Forensics team travels

Matt Rowles and Meghan Hagensick are in Austin, Texas competing in the American Forensics Association National Tournament. Four other members will join the two in Nashvillle, Tenn. for National Forensics Association National Tournament April 18 to 21.

Parking Registration

Students may register a vehicle for the 2008-2009 school year from now until July 15. Visit http://www.wartburg.edu/security/parking.html for more information.

Mental Health Workshop organized

A presentation and workshop about the multidisciplinary approach to mental health and older adults will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 29 in the Saemann Student Center. The cost is $45. Pre-registration is required.

Biology poster session

Senior biology students will present their research projects from 7 to 9 p.m. April 8 in the Student Center ballrooms.

Smoking ban lights up debate

Local businesses remain unconcerned

SARAH MOON *WTV8 NEWS*

The Iowa House of Representatives and Senate have been unable to agree on a ban that would restrict where people can smoke.

The House passed a bill a few weeks ago that would ban smoking in all public places except bars and restaurants with liquor licenses. However, the Iowa Senate rejected the House's bill and passed one that would ban indoor smoking in all public places statewide.

Student Kristyn Moravetz is concerned about second-hand smoke.

"I think for people who are health conscious, people who don't want to get sick, people who don't want to be breathing that smoke shouldn't have to," Moravetz said.

According to the American Lung Cancer Association, smoking is responsible for nearly 90 percent of lung cancer deaths. No amount of smoke is safe, according to the American Cancer Society. However, Billy Cousin, manager of The Fainting Goat, said second-hand smoke isn't an issue at his restaurant.

"Our filtration system helps out a lot there and, I mean, I never smell smoke in here, it doesn't affect me at all," Cousin said.

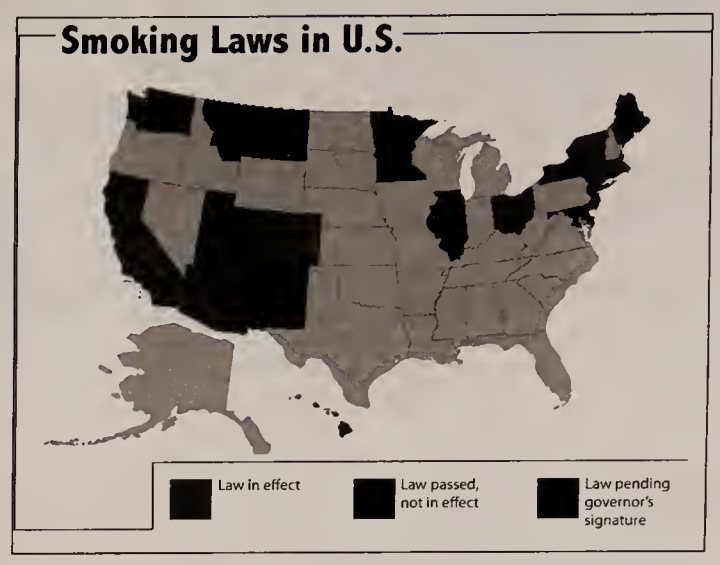
Currently 18 states do not have smoking bans including Iowa, Wisconsin and Missouri. Twenty states including Minnesota and Illinois ban smoking in all public places.

Cousin thinks his bar's current set-up would prevent a smoking ban from hurting his business.

"We already have half our restaurant as smoke-free and half our restaurant is smoking. So people have their choice right now and no one really has complaints," Cousin said.

Cousin thinks nonsmokers might go out more if there is a total ban. However, other Waverly bars operators don't think a ban will affect them either way.

Negotiations for the ban started a couple of weeks ago and lawmakers plan to have some type of ban approved before the end of their session next month.



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The Legislature doesn't have a set end date, but April 22 will be their 100th day in session, which is the last day lawmakers get daily expense payments.

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Choir tours two continents, four countries in May Term

RACHEL CLAMAN *STAFF WRITER*

The Wartburg Choir is traveling and performing in Europe and Africa this May term.

Destinations include Germany, Italy, Austria and South Africa.

Paul Torkelson, director of Wartburg Choir and Ritterchor, and 87 students are going on the trip.

Key locations include Eisenach, Germany at the Wartburg Castle; Salzburg, Austria, where the "Sound of Music" was filmed and various churches around Europe.

Kendra Reiter said she is anxious to tour Europe and Africa.

> *"I can't wait to see the wonders of Rome."*
> *-Kendra Reiter*

"I can't wait to see the wonders of Rome and experience the cultures of the different European and South African countries," she said.

"I am also really looking forward to spending time with and growing closer to my Wartburg Choir family."

Torkelson said one of his favorite parts of the tour is "watching the excitement of the students as they experience these wonderful places and watching how the Europeans treat them like celebrities."

The music consists of a wide range of literature.

"There are many sacred pieces, a few secular, some spirituals, a gospel piece and a very modern German piece that was composed specifically for Dr. Torkleson and the Wartburg Choir," Reiter said.

The Wartburg Choir gave a preview concert to a full house Sunday in the chapel as practice for their upcoming tour.

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Mensa saves food, water and labor

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ing without a tray for the majority of the year. She said she had trouble carrying all her food when she began. But now she is able to carry her food all in one trip. Gronholm said it helps her take better portions.

"Some people argue that it's an inconvenience, but I can eat without a tray and still get out of there in 15 minutes," Gronholm said.

The Mensa saved food, preparation labor, dish room labor, water usage and cleaning chemicals used in the dish machine, Tonya Derner, Dining Services employee, said.

Other colleges have been experimenting with trayless dining, too. Harvard began "Trayless Tuesdays" in one of its dining halls in February. The University of Connecticut reduced food waste by 28 percent per student when it went trayless for three weeks earlier this year, said the university's Web site.

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Letters to the editor

Call for action against malaria in Africa

What would it feel like to be totally defenseless against a disease that is totally preventable? The answer to this question is found in a plethora of countries in Africa.

Even though it is 100 percent preventable, malaria remains the number one killer of children in Africa under the age of five, causing a million deaths a year. Often, the infections occur while the people sleep because mosquitoes generally bite between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m.

In addition to losing children, Africans are losing members of their community, the ones who provide the meager living that they do have. They are unable to experience any of the enjoyment that we sometimes *take for granted.*

The poverty is so crippling that they cannot afford bed nets, which protect inhabitants from mosquitoes as they sleep, and cost a mere $5 a piece. They house more than one person, and last for up to five years. This is a major step in treating this preventable killer.

As a student, I was truly unaware of such a grave issue. I have become educated and now would like to make a difference by urging you to educate yourself on the issue by visiting Web sites such as malarianomore.org, nothingbutnets.net, pmi.gov, or by contacting Professor Timothy Ewest at Wartburg College.

You can get involved, you can help, and you can save lives, the first step is educate, so I urge you, look around you, and know you can make a difference.

Brody Suddendorf '09

Seniors "Cause" set to help future service trips

Now, I'm not naive enough to think that Wartburg College is a perfect place. Being one of the co-chairs for Seniors for a Cause (S4C) has exposed me to the many frustrations that students have with Wartburg. The truth is that people are not happy with a number of different issues. Tuition has breeched the 30K mark since the class of 2008 matriculated. We pressed on through the inconvenience of being without a "Physical Education Center" for nearly two years only to be disappointed with the differentiation between students and members at "The W." I'm sure other seniors could add on dozens more reasons why they would not want to participate in what was formally known as the Senior Class Challenge.

Ellen Engh and I redesigned the Senior Class Challenge because we did not feel that it encompassed the present ambitions of our senior class. Our class' ambitions became known when we opted for "THE CAUSE" earlier this semester. The senior class overwhelmingly chose to endorse future service trips. Service trips represent the spirit of our Wartburg community, and deciding to support them was a fine choice! It is easy to get caught up in thinking that Wartburg College is simply bricks and mortar. The truth is that students are Wartburg! The loyalty song would have us hail to Wartburg College…but I say Wartburg College hail to the students. Congratulations class of 2008! If you are a senior, put aside any negative feelings that you may have accumulated over the last four years, and remember that your gift will support other students. You may contact Ellen Engh or me if you are interested in supporting "The Cause".

Eric Cassmann
Co-Chair S4C

From the Other Side of the Desk

Weeds have important roles to fill in nature

JOHANNA FOSTER
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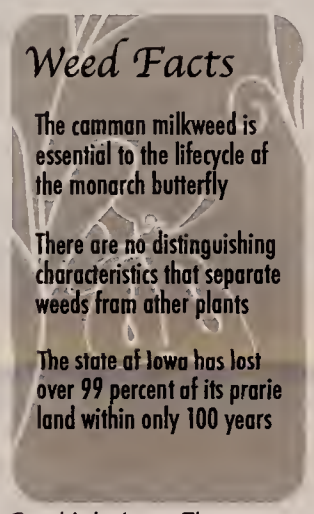
What is the first plant that pops into your head when you hear the word weeds? All plants evolved somewhere, so a weed in one location is a native somewhere else.

For example, the dandelion is native to Eurasia, but not the United States. However, Iowa has the same temperate climate as Eurasia. So, once the plant arrived via bird or someone's traveling trunk, it survived very well.

Consider the Iowa prairie natives rock dandelion and false dandelion. They look so similar to the Eurasian dandelion that without help we'd be hard-pressed to identify the weed.

So, do weeds really look like weeds? The term "weeds" is not a taxonomic classification; i.e. there are no distinguishing traits shared by all plants in the group. So, then why should we care about weeds, and is it important to distinguish them from other plants?



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Ecologically speaking, a weed is a plant that is an opportunist: its seeds quickly germinate and grow in open spaces, and produce lots of offspring before death. This is especially true in highly disturbed environments; for example a cornfield. Corn grows quickly and produces a lot of offspring (is it a weed?). Another example: dandelions that grow well in lawns do not flourish in prairies because they are poor competitors against native perennials.

From a farming point of view, a weed is any plant that is growing where it is unwanted because it interferes with crop production. For example, the native butterfly milkweed is unwelcome in the same cornfield previously mentioned.

Obviously, there is conflict on what constitutes a weed. Is this really a problem in Iowa? And why should we care? In fact, if crop production is harmed, why should we save native prairie plants?

Iowa has often been termed "the most changed state in the U.S." because it lost 99.9 percent of its prairie within 100 years. Based on the farming point of view, all of our native prairie plants are weeds, so change is "good." But is it good from an ecological perspective? Maybe we should consider saving weeds, but which ones is difficult considering that there are well over 180 native species found on small native prairies.

Each of these species contain tens of thousands of years of biological history that once exterminated are gone forever. Many organisms that eat these species or live in roots will also disappear if we lose their plant hosts.

For example, the native Monarch butterfly can feed on nectar of many different plants, but its larvae must feed on the native milkweed. If we lose this particular plant species then we lose the monarch. If only this butterfly species becomes extinct we probably won't lose spiders that eat it, but as each species' loss adds to the total, then the accumulation leads to potential losses of spiders, etc.

Losing our biological heritage would be sad; like losing parts of our family and our connected history. Thus, we need to care about saving prairie plants, i.e. weeds.

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My Wartburg Top 10 list

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Writing is not only a career choice for me. It is also a catharsis. So for the last column of my senior year, I was tempted to write a scathing attack on the administration for every bad thing that had ever happened to me, whether it was their fault or not. Oh, was I tempted.

But, if my time in higher education has taught me anything it's that accentuating the positive just makes more sense.

So, in no particular order, here is my top ten list of life lessons I've learned at Wartburg College.

10. Learning to love Iowa.

When I told classmates at my suburban twin cities high school that I was going to Iowa for college, you should have heard the comments. "Umm... are you going to live in a cornfield?" After four years as an Iowa transplant, I can safely say I have come to love the small-town way of life and the many Iowa friends I have made.

9. Professors who care

No, really. Too many adults write off members of our generation as Internet and cell phone addicted bums. Thanks to advisers Thomas Boerigter and Pam Ohrt, the GMCS staff and my Trumpet advisers for listening to my random problems.

8. Realizing I need my parents

No, I don't like admitting it, but I do. As they say in the "Shoes" video, "Thanks mom and dad!"

7. Learning I am stronger than I thought I was.

I must have lived a charmed life before I went to college, because no sooner had I moved into my dorm room than it all came crashing down. I've dealt with the cancer of countless friends and family and robbery/life in a third-world country. And I have come out alive and better for it. Now I know I can handle whatever life throws my way. I hope you can too.

6. Gaining a new perspective

My friends are sick of hearing about my study abroad experience in Argentina. But I can't help but sharing the first and last time in my life when I will consider figuring out how to ride the bus a major life accomplishment. Once one's world has been opened up, it's hard to close it down again. And that's a very, very good thing.

5. Work ethic

OK, so I never did figure out the whole "don't write the 20 page paper the night before it's due" thing. But I did learn that the only way to get anywhere is by working to reach your goals. That, or by winning "Deal or No Deal."

4. Friends

Friends don't always "know you and love you anyway." Sometimes they say "Hey, get your act together!" Sometimes they share thier last pack of Ramen. And sometimes they go out with you even though you are the worst dancer ever. Thank you. And I'm sorry.

3. The Wartburg Trumpet

Not really a life lesson, but I hope you've enjoyed it. Thanks to all who have worked with me until 3 a.m putting the beast to bed.

2. Learning to relax

I walk fast. I eat fast. I type fast. I trip, I spill my food on every shirt I have ever owned and I make typos like its my job. I guess life really is too short to rush through.

1. It's out there

The good stuff in life. It's often not obvious if you're not looking for it. My flight from Buenos Aires was every traveler's worst nightmare. By the time I boarded my connecting flight I would just as soon have slapped the guy next to me as look at him. But I soon found out that my neighbor wasn't your average tourist. He had flown 13 hours to visit a little girl to whom he had given a bone marrow transplant a few years earlier. Listening to the genuine care and passion in his voice as he told about this child he had never met eased my tension immediately. I realized that as long as there were still kind acts in this world, we would all be OK in the end.

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Wartburg College Circuit to make its debut this fall

JACKIE ALBRECHT *STAFF WRITER*

SEE IT. WTV8 NEWS READ IT.

Campus events are inadvertently swept under the rug from time to time despite a student body of only around 1,800. A new Web site, set to premiere next fall, will attempt to remedy that.

The site, The Circuit, is technology-focused and, like a circuit, will connect student media and events into an easy-to-access online environment.

Helping to create this site are Spencer Albers, site manager; Rachel Pickhinke and Cliff Brockman, adviser.

The Circuit will contain videos from WTV, live streaming of KWAR and articles from the Trumpet. Albers compared The Circuit to a site like KWWL, where many forms of media are utilized in one place.

"Now someone will be able to read an article and then see a video relating to the story," Albers said. "I really like the concept of bringing everything together."

WTV8 adviser Jeff Stein believes The Circuit will enhance student media and make it available to an even wider audience.

"The new site will give WTV8 yet another way to reach our audience, and we are excited about it," Stein said. "Existing student media will still have their own sites, but if some of our television material makes it to The Circuit, it will no doubt lead to even more people finding www.wartburgtv.org."

This site will also include information about campus and student organization events.

"We want students to make this site their homepage," Albers said. "It will be constantly changing and current."

The architects of The Circuit refer to it as a Web community. Albers said they want to receive feedback about The Circuit, so the site can excel and mature.

Students can become involved by submitting articles, pictures from an organization activity or videos to the site. Albers hopes that through this site the community will gain more awareness about what's going on around campus.

Albers and Pickhinke are working with Wartburg Web Manager Chris Knudson to develop the site.

"We're thinking about how we want it to function, then we'll work around those needs to develop the site," Albers said.

Although they are in the planning phases, they know the site will have heavy designs. Albers and Knudson want to design the site so that it is easily navigable, Albers said.

Albers and Pickhinke have already created a logo for the Circuit. The logo was created to resemble a computer key and emphasize the technology focus of the site.

Albers and Knudson will work on the site this summer. Albers said it is a different outlet for many students to use.

"It's kind of a big deal because we can't find one site that includes all of these features to students," said Albers.

The Circuit is accepting applications for an online news editor. If you would like to be a part of the staff, contact Albers at Spencer.Albers@wartburg.edu

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Movie Review

No matter how you see it, "Vantage Point" entertains, delivers thrills, excitement

JOSH MONIZ *STAFF WRITER*

"Vantage Point" is a political thriller directed by Peter Travis, a newcomer to films, with a star-packed cast including Dennis Quaid, Forrest Whitaker, Mathew Fox and William Hurt.

The film is set at the start of an anti-terror summit where the President (William Hurt) is apparently shot. As he is rushed to the ambulance, a bomb explodes.

The film goes over the events repeatedly from the angles of various characters revealed in the plot.

Each time the film goes back to the start, it does a fast rewind effect of all the new plot points, which is helpful for keeping the latest developments fresh. The editing is fast and efficient, keeping your attention all the way through.

The film is not without problems. Forrest Whitaker's impressive acting ability is wasted on a minor character.

The quirky premise of the film is dropped in the second half, replaced with the traditional action formula and a car chase. Dennis Quaid's character is impervious to everything and just "Hulk-smashes" his way through the car chase. Also, some of the smaller plot points don't sync up with the different perspectives.

★★★½☆

Despite its problems, "Vantage Point" is still an accomplished thriller that will not fail to entertain. The film can hold its own alongside the "Bourne" series. A definite rental. I give it a 3.5 out of 5 stars.

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CD Review ★★★★★

Louis XIV shines bright

CHRIS LAMBERTZ *EXPRESSION EDITOR*

★★★★☆

The creative Jason Hill and Brian Karscig teamed up with two others in 2003 to form Louis XIV, one of today's leading groups in the rock/throw-back genre.

After great success with their sexed-up lyrics and crazed "glam" attitude in their debut full-length *The Best Little Secrets Are Kept*, featuring hit single "Finding Out True Love Is Blind," the group toured extensively for several years. The group's lyrics even led to their being banned in Alabama.

Louis XIV's latest release, *Slick Dogs and Ponies* (Atlantic Records), is substantially more somber, cynical toward the world and menacing than previous works. Hill and Karscig become increasingly in-sync with their writing.

The undertone of something slightly evil and eerie sits on the tip of the tongue with this record, leaving the punchy-playfulness of the previous record behind.

Songs like "Tina" and "Stalker" leave listeners feeling used, abused and dirty. This is something not found on *Secrets*. Vocal choruses push the thuggish-brash guitars to the background, and leave room for their overtly hedonistic lyrics. The record as a whole is very consistent in its sound. As a second release for the group, it makes fans really look forward to whatever bizarre avenues they will stroll down next. Louis XIV's *Slick Dogs and Ponies* gets four out of five stars.

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Women's golf takes fifth at home

LUKE SHANNO *SPORTS EDITOR*

The Wartburg women's golf team finished in fifth place in their home invitational, their first tournament since Winter Break..

The Knights shot 353 on the first day and 349 on day two for a two-day total of 702.

Steph Burns fired a day one round of 81 followed by an 84 on the second day to lead the Knights. Burns finished in a tie for ninth overall.

Jordan Galles fired a two-day total of 177 to finish in 22nd. Ellen Rickert tied for 23rd while Daina Deery finished in 30th. Rebecca Lewis rounded out Wartburg scorers finishing tied for 47th.

Courtesy Photo

Ellen Rickert fires a shot toward the pin at the Wartburg Invitational.

The weather was not perfect for competition for head coach Monica Severson's squad, but it was a chance to get out on the course and play.

"We're thankful that we were able to get two rounds of competition in," Severson said. "The weather this spring hasn't started off exceptionally well. At this time of the year when we haven't been outside too many days and haven't had many swings and practices we really just need that competition."

It was also a chance for the team to get back on the course and see what conditions will look like for the NCAA Div. III Golf Championships, which will be held at Centennial Oaks Golf Course in Waverly.

"When it warms up and greens up the greens here will be much faster," Severson said. "That's a reason in the beginning that we were thankful that we were able to get this in. We had a few teams that came from a distance to be here wanting to see the course because of the championship."

The Knights will hit the links again Friday, April 18 when they take on Methodist (N.C.) and the University of Northern Iowa in a triangular meet at Centennial Oaks.

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Track looks to Platteville

Courtesy Photo

Melanie Anderson clears the bar in pole vault competition Saturday.

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KeAnna Martin brought home second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.17. Brittany Melloy won the heptathlon with 3,523 points.

The women finished second with 133 points while Western Illinois won the meet with 145.5. The University of St. Thomas rounded out the top three with 129.1 points.

"It talks about the caliber of our program, in regards to having a Div. I program competing at our institotion," Newsom said.

He was referring to the Div. I program of Western Illinois. Western Illinois prevailed on the women's, but the University of St. Thomas came out on top on the men's side of things.

The University of St. Thomas won the meet with 136 points. Wartburg came in seventh with 57 points.

The men were led by Andy Hodge's first-place finish in the 1,500-meter run. Hodge finished the race with a time of 4:01.93. Damoan Lott finished second and provisionally qualified in the triple jump with a leap of 14.14 meters.

After the competitive meet, the Knights are looking towards the rest of the outdoor season.

"I feel really good about the upcoming season, I would have to say that we have always been a better outdoor team. We are pretty excited for the outdoor season," Newsom said.

The Knights will head to the University of Wisconsin at Platteville next weekend to participate in the Pioneer Invitational. Events are scheduled to start at 11:30 a.m.

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Tennis has difficult weekend; loses to St. Mary's, LaCrosse

Courtesy Photo

Bryan Arndt returns a shot in a match versus Luther in The W.

PAM RODGERS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg men's and women's tennis teams traveled to Winona, Minn. last weekend to play in a triangular meet with St. Mary's University and University of Wisconsin La Crosse.

"UW La Crosse and St. Mary's are strong programs who have experienced players. Both matches for men and women were full of tough opponents for our teams," head coach Benjamin Oestreich said.

The men's teams lost both matches. Against St. Mary's, they lost by a score of 6-0.

In the second match, La Crosse swept the Knights 9-0.

"We've been working on ways to put more pressure on the opponents from serve and serve return, staying in points longer, and maintaining our focus for the entire match," Oestreich said.

For the women, they were unsuccessful too as they dropped both of their matches. In their first match against La Crosse, the Knights battled the Eagles but came out the losers of a 6-3 score.

"The women need to work on finding more opportunities to take control of points," Oestreich said.

Both the men and women Knights took on Central College earlier this week. The men lost to the Dutch 7-2.

"I'm really proud of how Bryan was able to control his match and get the win without much help from me. He was out their on his own solving problems and making things happen," Oestreich said.

The loss put the Knights at 1-5 in the conference and 8-8 overall.

For the women, Wartburg had a strong spring performance as they defeated Central College 8-1.

The Knights dominated in all categories receiving their only loss at No. 5 singles.

The women's next match will be this Thursday against Luther in Waverly at 4 p.m.

As for the men, the Knights will resume action next Saturday and Sunday as they travel to take on Gustavus.

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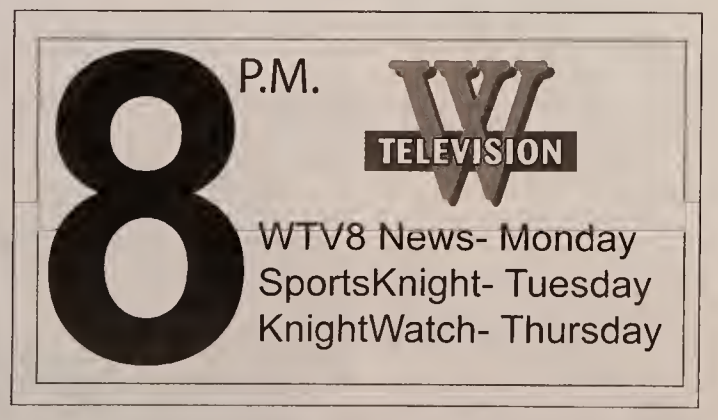

Baseball goes 2-1 against the Duhawks

After a loss on Friday, the Knights come back and take two games on Saturday at home

LUKE SHANNO *SPORTS EDITOR*

The Wartburg baseball team rebounded from a 14-13 loss to Loras Friday night by closing out the three-game Iowa Conference series with two wins Saturday at Hertel Field.

If pitching was a concern for head coach Joel Holst before, two seniors hurlers may have calmed his nerves for the remainder of the season.

Aaron Saeugling, making his first start of the year, worked five innings on the mound for the Knights. Saeugling allowed only one earned run while striking out six Duhawk hitters and allowing no walks.

"He's not completely healthy. I think there is still some tendonitis that he'll have to work through," Holst said. "But for him to throw five innings was really big and was a good start to a doubleheader sweep for us [Saturday]."

With the decision in his first start, Saeugling moves to 2-0 on the year. Jerrold Martijn pitched two innings in relief and earned the save in game one. Martijn gave up just one hit and one run in the final two innings as the Knights took game one 8-4.

Leading the offensive attack for the Knights was Martijn who went 3-for-4 with a home run, his fourth of the year. He tallied three RBIs and scored two runs. Danny Rose added a third-inning lead-off home run of his own, his first on the season.

Zach Nagle added to the Knights' strong offensive showing as he went 2-for-3 at the plate including a triple, two RBIs and two runs scored.

"The rest of our guys really swung the bat very well through the weekend," Holst said. "The more that our guys get the opportunities on the field in terms of batting practice and things like that, I think that we're going to be a pretty good offensive team."

Luke Albert took the mound for the Knights in game two and took the complete-game win as the Knights topped Loras 5-3.

In the seven innings pitched Albert allowed five hits, one earned run, three runs, two walks and struck out five Duhawks.

The win moved Albert's record to 3-1 on the season.

A.J. Lewis went 2-for-3 at the plate in game two. Lewis tallied two RBIs and scored two runs for the Knights.

Nagle had another 2-for-3 performance as he scored one run and brought in an RBI in the win.

The two wins on Saturday move the Knights to 11-10 overall and 5-1 in the Iowa Conference standings.

"Those games yesterday, being able to bounce back after a tough loss, were really important to us. 5-1 is pretty good right now," Holst said.

Billy Schmitt took the mound Friday night in the series opener for Wartburg. After a slow start, allowing six runs in the top of the first, the Knights slowly chipped away at the Loras lead.

"Friday night was the second game, where for some reason or another he's had slow starts," Holst said. "He settled in a little bit and I think he got some things going."

The Knights used a six-run inning of their own in the bottom of the third to pull within one run. Wartburg then took the lead after a three-run fifth and a two-run sixth inning, now leading 12-8.

The Duhawks plated five runs in the top of the seventh to take the one-run lead back from the Knights. Wartburg scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game at 13-13.

"I did really enjoy seeing our guys battle back offensively. We ended up committing two or three errors that were difficult for our team to overcome. That was probably the difference in the game as we were up 12-8 and then just had some defensive problems," Holst said.

A scoreless eighth inning ensued, putting the teams deadlocked heading into the final inning. Loras scored one run in the top of the ninth and the Knights could not answer, falling 14-13 in the almost three-hour contest.

Patrick Grau led the Knights offensively as he went 2-for-4 with five RBIs and two runs scored. Grau also knocked one out of the park during the win.

Martijn went 4-for-5 at the plate, scoring three runs and plating two RBIs in the contest.

The Knights had make-up games rescheduled for Sunday, April 6 against Cornell, but those games were postponed until Sunday.

Wartburg will take the field again Friday when they travel to Pella for a three-game series against the Dutch. Game time is set for 3 p.m. Friday with the doubleheader set for a 1 p.m. start Saturday.

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Courtesy Photo
Jerrold Martijn hits a line drive off of a Loras Pitcher in their doubleheader at Hertle Field on Saturday.

IIAC Standings

Team	IIAC	Overall
Wartburg	5-1	11-10
Coe	7-4	15-8
Buena Vista	5-3	10-7
Simpson	6-5	13-10
Central	4-4	13-10
Luther	3-5	8-8
Loras	3-5	10-12
Dubque	3-5	10-13
Cornell	2-6	7-9

BASEBALL

Ultimate frisbee comes to campus

MAC SLAVIN *ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR*

Wartburg College has a new sports team on campus, and it's not your everyday sport. The Wartburg Ultimate Team, or WUT, has recently started their inaugural season. WUT is a club ultimate Frisbee team made up of Wartburg students.

They have already had three games this year, competing last weekend against Coe and this weekend against Luther and UNI.

"They went alright, every day is a learning experience," captain Eric Ruggles said. "We are a new team so it's all about learning. We're getting better now that we know how to orient our practices."

WUT is made up of 15 Wartburg students and they are still looking for members.

"Any and all are welcome to come join us," Ruggles said.

Students wishing to participate won't be allowed to compete until next year, however, due to membership rules.

Each student on the team is required to be a member of the Ultimate Players Association. The UPA is the governing body of the sport. They sanction high school, college and adult level tournaments.

Ruggles said that the sport isn't an official NCAA sport, because of the governing body.

"It's not determined by your school's size," Ruggles said. "I mean look at this last weekend, we played UNI in one game and Luther in another. Most sports don't play a Div. I and Div. III school within one afternoon."

The UPA has multiple divisions, but they aren't the same as the NCAA. The UPA has a women's group for only women, a men's group for only men, and an open group for teams made up of men and women. Wartburg participates in the open division.

"The sport is becoming very popular," Ruggles said.

Although the sport is gaining popularity, Ruggles said that only three people on the team have had experience playing competitively. He said they have had some other bumps along the way too.

"We were limited with practice time, because so many people had to learn the official rules," Ruggles said. "Some people get discouraged but once everyone has learned the sport, it'll become more competitive."

Ruggles has high hopes for WUT. The team will compete in Ames next weekend playing in the Great Plains Sectional. Ruggles hopes to continue play next fall when they can get into some tournaments.

"We're looking at playing at least one tournament in the fall and hopefully we'll be able to host a tournament here at Wartburg sometime in the future," Ruggles said.

Currently, the team practices on the turf if it's open; otherwise they practice out in Clinton Field. WUT has team-oriented practices throughout the week, and Friday evenings they host all-campus scrimmages, where everyone is able to come out and play.

"It's a lot of fun, but it's tough being a new team," Ruggles said. "We are getting better and hopefully will continue to improve, but our main goal is just to have a fun time playing some ultimate."

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Drake disappoints

FROM PAGE 8

were not. All I knew is that I wanted Drake to make it to the Final Four. Sadly, that was a tough loss for my bracket.

So is there really a strategy in filling out the NCAA bracket? With so many people filling out brackets has anybody picked a perfect bracket? The answer is no. They would have to pick the "favorites" or the team that is favored to win. This does not mean just the higher seeded team.

According to the Web site vegaswatch.net, if someone was to fill out 300 million brackets, they would have a one in 23,924 chance to get a perfect bracket. If they filled one out six billion times, they would have one in 1,197 chance.

There were many exciting games leading up the Final Four. One exciting, yet bracket-crushing game that sticks out in my mind would be the Drake vs. Western Kentucky game.

The 101-99 loss for the Bulldogs was tough for me as I had them playing in the Final Four. After Drake came back from a 16-point deficit in eight minutes, it became a fun game. Then with 5.7 seconds left, Tyrone Brazelton kicked it to Ty Rodgers to sink a 26-foot 3-pointer as time expired.

The other game that comes to mind is the game that pitted Davidson against Gonzaga. Sophomore Stephen Curry led his Davidson team with 40 points. Curry hit eight out of 10 3-point shots in the second half to contribute 30 points to his total. He then hit the tiebreaker with three minutes left to lead the Wildcats to an 82-76 victory. Curry, the son of former NBA 3-point specialist Dell Curry, is just a sophomore at Davidson.

I was not much of a basketball fan until this tournament. It was so much fun watching the games and hoping the teams I had winning in my bracket would win.

Having Drake in the final four could have been a mistake, but it was a great game to watch. With the championship tonight, I'm going to have to go with Memphis and hope they pull out the win against Kansas.

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Women's golf takes fifth place in home tournament

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Softball stretches win streak to six games

Knights cap week with doubleheader sweep against Central at home

ANDREW NOSTVICK *STAFF WRITER*

The No. 12-ranked Knights softball team increased their lead in the Iowa Conference Saturday when they swept a doubleheader against Central College on the team's Alumni Day.

The Knights shut out Central in the first game, 12-0 in five innings. Jenni Hashman had a 2-for-2 day, including a home run, four RBIs and scoring two runs of her own. Courtney Bain went 2-for-3, driving in three runs and scoring two. Bain also hit her first home run of the season.

Abi Robison picked up her third win of the season, pitching four shutout innings, giving up three hits and striking out four.

Knights head coach Kara Kehe emphasized the importance of her team coming out and dominating the game early on.

"One of the biggest keys was getting ahead early," Kehe said. "To put up multiple runs consistently, it gives your pitchers breathing room, it gives you a chance to do some different things defensively. We worked out of some jams because our offense got the job done early on."

In game two, the Knights had to fight a little harder for the win, but came out on top as they beat the Dutch, 3-1. Angela Hartwig picked up her 12th win of the season after pitching a complete game. Hartwig gave up one run on two hits and struck out four.

Bain picked up her second home run of the doubleheader when she hit a solo shot in the second inning. Bain went 1-for-2 with two runs scored.

After a solo blast by Central's Kelly Harris in the third inning, the Knights answered with two more runs in the fourth inning to put the game away.

Ellie Petersen went 2-for-3 in the game.

"It's great for us to come out on Alumni Day and show them a great effort by our pitchers, our hitters and our defense," Kehe said.

The Knights are now 6-0 in the conference and 17-5 overall.

Wednesday, the Knights swept another doubleheader, defeating Simpson College in Indianola.

The Knights routed the Storm in the first game, 11-3, in five innings. Hashman had a strong day at the plate in the first game, going 3-for-4 with two solo home runs. Robin Petersen picked up her fifth home run of the season as she went 1-for-4.

"It's great to go down to Simpson again and explode for four runs in the first inning," Kehe said.

In game two, the Knights came out on top of a close one, 2-1. Ashley Rogers hit a single in the top of the third, which brought in Jennifer Pappas and Ellie Peterson, to put the Knights on top.

"We want to play our best game, regardless of opponent or anything else," Kehe said. The Knights will put this idea to the test as they suit up to host a doubleheader at 3 p.m. Tuesday against Buena Vista. The Knights will then travel to play another doubleheader against Loras Saturday with the first pitch set for 2 p.m.

IIAC Standings

Team	IIAC	Overall
Wartburg	6-0	17-5
Coe	3-1	20-8
Simpson	4-2	19-7
Cornell	4-2	12-8
Luther	3-3	15-7
Loras	3-3	9-7
Central	1-3	13-9
Dubuque	0-6	9-11
Buena Vista	0-4	6-14

SOFTBALL

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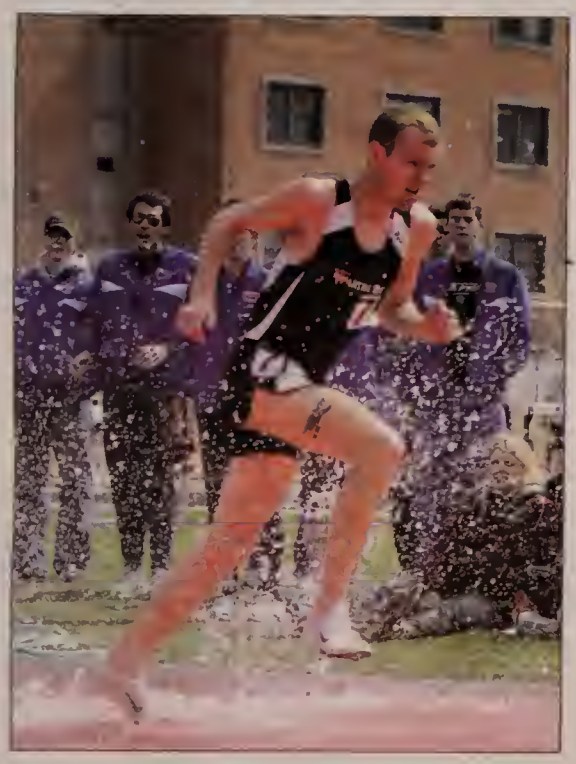
Courtesy Photo

Angela Hartwig fires a pitch to Ellie Peterson against Central Saturday.

Track hosts Wartburg Select meet

Women take second; men finish seventh at first home outdoor meet of the season



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Joel Rasmussen clears the steeplechase water Saturday.

MAC SLAVIN *ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR*

The Wartburg track and field teams brought home second and seventh-place finishes as they hosted the Wartburg Outdoor Select. The women brought home second place while the men finished in seventh.

"We wanted to put our athletes in a position where they can be successful as they work towards their outdoor goals," head coach Marcus Newsom said.

Three women's races provisionally qualified for the national meet. Hannah Baker won the 400-meter dash with a time of 56.45. She also provisionally qualified in her 4x400-meter relay and the 4x100-meter relay teams.

Her 4x400 team raced to a tight finish and came out in second place with a time of 3:55.65. The team was made up of Jenny Kordick, Jen Ganshirt, Kelsey Steffens and Baker.

Her 4x100 team was one of two teams that finished at the top. Wartburg 'A' won the race with a time of 47.81. The team of Kordick, Baker, KeAnna Martin and Steffens also provisionally qualified.

The second Wartburg 4x100 team made up of Shatrece Burt, Brittany Thomas, Ganshirt and Akeya Aimable finished with a time of 49.07 and finished second.

Jennifer Kuiken finished first in the 1,500-meter run and second in the 800-meter run. She finished neck-and-neck with Catie Ellingson from Simpson but Kuiken prevailed, winning the race with a time of 4:45.08. Kuiken finished second in the 800 with a time of 2:15.87.

Wartburg had top finishes in the 100 and the 5,000. In the 100-meter dash Aimable won with a time of 12.59 while teammate Brittany Thomas finished in third with a time of 12.72.

In the 5,000-meter run, Anna Kraayenbrink finished second with a time of 17:57.86 and Lori Tlach finished just behind her with a time of 18:25.09, which brought home a third-place finish.

"Anna and Lori had great performances and I think our whole team had great performances across the board," Newsom said.

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FROM THE BULLPEN

Drawn into the Madness

NIKKI NEWBROUGH *GUEST COLUMNIST*

I have an addiction and it is called March Madness. If you are a fan or not, everyone should know by now that time of year where all the sports fanatics fill out there NCAA tournament bracket.

This year I have decided for the first time to fill out a bracket. My roommate was actually the one who made me fill the bracket out because she wanted to beat me in her Facebook group.

To be honest I had no idea what teams were good and what teams

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

BASEBALL
@ Central
Central Field
Friday 3 p.m.

SOFTBALL
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OUTDOOR TRACK
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